

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Samuel Gordon lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mertha Malone, during a solemn ceremony on October 5, 1957; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Samuel and Mertha Gordon have had the pleasure of raising four children, Vincent Gordon, Rebecca Bradley, Antoinette Gordon, and Samantha Barrett-Hughes, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, Samuel Gordon has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a former Korean Navy Sailor and a retired thirty-year employee of Hallmark Cards; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mertha Gordon further distinguished herself as a Public Health Nurse with the Kansas City Health Department prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Samuel and Mertha Gordon have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Kansas City will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 6, 2007, at Bruce R. Watkins in Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Samuel and Mertha Gordon and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gordon.

Offered by _____
Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls
District No. 41

Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV
District No. 42

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker